

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on June 14, 2004 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called a meeting of a Committee of the Whole to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan  
Treasurer Lesser  
Commissioner Davalos  
Commissioner Gravely  
Commissioner Lewis  
Commissioner Morgan  
Commissioner Rodriguez

Commissioners then paused for a moment of silence in memory of President Ronald Reagan. President Jernigan then spoke of her memories of President Reagan and jazz great Ray Charles. Introduction of the audience followed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

(Commissioner Creary and Vice President Maria Jimenez joined the meeting during the President's Report, constituting a quorum.)

President Jernigan's report is summarized as follows:

- She and Commissioner Rodriguez attended the Commissioners' Leadership Conference on May 26, 2004 at the Music Center. At the conference she spoke with Sheriff Baca about the early inmate release program.
- She commented on a *Los Angeles Times* newspaper article on the high medical tabs for state prison inmates.
- She and Commissioner Becerra-Jones attended the AFML Salute to Champions event on June 9, 2004. She noted that two \$250 reserved tickets hadn't been used by Commissioners who had committed to attending the event.
- She spoke on a state minimum wage bill and on attending the commissioning of U.S. Navy Destroyer Pickney at Port Hueneme.

Commissioner Creary requested staff to call or send her email reminders when tickets have been reserved for her.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Treasurer Lesser, and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 24, 2004 were approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Lesser reported on the expenditures for the month of May 2004. The beginning balance for May was \$27,685.50; the expenditures were \$530.00; the income was \$3.25; and the ending balance was \$27,158.75. The June 2004 budget is \$27,158.75.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Staff reported the following:

- On June 8, 2004 the Board of Supervisors re-appointed Commissioner Barbara Perkins to a two-year term.
- The County Office of Women's Health and the American Heart Association are hosting a community dialogue on women and heart disease on June 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at their office in Alhambra. Doctors and experts from UCLA, Cedars' Sinai and L.A. County Health Services will speak at the event. RSVP's must be received by June 25, 2004.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2004-05**

President Jernigan requested staff to conduct the elections. The current slate of nominees for the following offices are:

President	Commissioner Creary
Vice President	Treasurer Lesser
Treasurer	Commissioner Perkins

Nominations were called from the floor for the office of President. Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Davalos.

There being no further nominations from the floor, on motion of President Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, nominations for the office of President were closed.

The roll call vote was taken for the office of President as follows:

	<u>Ruth Creary</u>	<u>Karin Davalos</u>
Commissioner Creary	X	
Commissioner Davalos		X
Commissioner Gravely	X	
Treasurer Lesser	X	
Commissioner Lewis	A b s t a i n e d	
Vice President Mariajimenez		X
Commissioner Morgan	X	
Commissioner Rodriguez		X
President Jernigan	A b s t a i n e d	
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Total:	4	3

Staff announced the votes and noted that neither candidate received the required majority of votes (5 out of 9) to be elected.

The Commission then recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Creary announced that she was glad there was another candidate for President and that she would withdraw her candidacy.

The Commission then unanimously elected Commissioner Davalos as President for 2004-05.

Nominations were called from the floor for the office of Vice President. There being no nominations, on motion of President Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Lewis, and unanimously carried, nominations were closed. The Commission then unanimously elected Treasurer Lesser to the office of Vice President for 2004-05.

Nominations were called from the floor for the office of Treasurer. Commissioner Morgan nominated Commissioner Duba. There being no further nominations from the

floor, on motion of President Jernigan, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote was taken for the office of Treasurer as follows:

	<u>Reiko Duba</u>	<u>Barbara Perkins</u>
Commissioner Creary	X	
Commissioner Davalos	X	
Commissioner Gravely	X	
Treasurer Lesser	X	
Commissioner Lewis	X	
Vice President Mariajimenez	X	
Commissioner Morgan	X	
Commissioner Rodriguez	X	
President Jernigan	X	
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Total:	9	0

Commissioner Duba was unanimously elected Treasurer with 9 votes.

#### **DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR PRINTING AND PUBLISHING OF 2002-04 STATUS REPORT**

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting).

Staff presented cost estimates from several vendors for printing and publishing the 2002-04 Status Report. Commissioner Morgan proposed selling advertisements to offset the costs. Staff will inquire of County Counsel about selling ads in the report. President Jernigan requested Commissioner Morgan to look into contributions and ads for the report and Rose Borja offered to assist. In addition, staff will contact the Metropolitan Water District, which underwrote the printing costs for the 2000-2002 Status Report, to see if they are interested in sponsoring the report again. President Jernigan spoke on arranging for interns to work on the report.

**CONSIDER**      **APPROVING A GIFT FOR OUTGOING 2002-04 COMMISSION**  
**PRESIDENT**

Vice President Mariajimenez commended President Jernigan for her outstanding service and model of leadership as President of the Commission for the past two years.

On motion of Commissioner Davalos, seconded by Treasurer Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved up to \$165 for a gift for President Jernigan in recognition of her service.

**CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE FOR MID-LIFE AND OLDER**  
**WOMEN**

On behalf of Commissioner Mummey, President Jernigan spoke in support of the conference. Commissioner Rodriguez noted that this Commission had established this event and has supported it for many years.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Davalos, and unanimously carried, the Commission donated \$500 to "A Spotlight on Issues," a conference for mid-life and older women at Pierce College on October 9, 2004.

**CONSIDER APPROVING REGISTRATION COSTS FOR COMMISSIONERS TO**  
**ATTEND NACW CONVENTION**

Staff reported on planning for the convention, noting that names needed to be turned in this week in order to receive the early bird registration price.

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Lesser, and duly carried, with Commissioner Morgan abstaining, the Commission approved registration costs up to \$2,250 for 10 Commissioners to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual NACW National Convention, July 14-18, 2004 at the Westin Hotel in Pasadena.

Commissioners instructed staff to confirm that NACW convention activities would take place prior to purchasing reservations. Commissioners Gravely, Lesser, and Rodriguez expressed interest in attending.

**PURCHASE TWO TICKETS TO CASAS DE ROSAS, INC. SEVENTH ANNUAL**  
**BRUNCH**

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Mariajimenez, and unanimously carried, the Commission made an amendment to increase the number of tickets purchased to the brunch to four.

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Gravely, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$120 to purchase four tickets to the Casa de Rosas, Inc. Seventh Annual Brunch on June 19, 2004 featuring the First Annual June Dunbar Award.

Commissioners Creary, Davalos, Lesser and Rodriguez expressed interest in attending.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Health Committee:**

Commissioner Creary reported that the Health Committee was arranging a meeting with the Board Health Deputies. President Jernigan reported that a Second District Board Deputy commented on progress of the King/Drew Medical Center.

Genevieve Clavreul spoke on county nursing director contracts. The Commission requested her to provide written information on this matter.

### **Legislative Committee:**

Vice President Mariajimenez reported that Governor Schwarzenegger reversed his position on cutbacks for certain health services and she discussed lawsuits against the County to prevent proposed health care cuts. She also discussed educating the public about health care discount plans which provide misleading information about their service benefits.

### **Education Subcommittee**

Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced the committee would meet June 28, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. She also discussed plans for a mentoring program in July for the CW scholarship recipients. She further spoke on the distribution of State Lottery funds, legislation impacting lower-income students and the Education Trust-West report.

### **Media/Public Relations Committee:**

Commissioner Morgan announced she would provide a Commission information booth at the City of La Mirada's Celebration in the Park on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Neff Park.

**Older Women's Issues Committee:** There was no report.

**5K Run/Walk Subcommittee:** The next subcommittee meeting will be June 28, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.

### **2004 Awards Luncheon Committee Final Report:**

Staff reviewed the Final Balance Sheet of expenditures and profit from this year's Luncheon. The Commission then received and filed the report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rose Borja announced the Women's Health 2004 Conference, "The Art of Staying Healthy," on Saturday, October 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Building in Culver City.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Becerra-Jones thanked Commissioners and staff who sent her cards and expressions of condolence following the loss of her mother. She also thanked Commissioner Rodriguez for attending her mother's funeral.

President Jernigan read a letter of thanks from Supervisor Burke for the Commission's donation to the Second District Quinceañera Celebration. She also reported that Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick is looking for women to serve on city commissions.

Treasurer Lesser reported on the following activities she participated in:

- The Western States Delegate Assembly of the American Heart Association, Los Angeles Division, on June 11-12 in Santa Clara.
- The Medical Reserves Corps meeting for the Beach Cities on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. at the Beach Cities Health District and the Citizen Corps Council Strategic Planning Workshop.
- On Friday, June 4, 2004 "Women in Business" Chair Shannon Foley was installed as the Chair of the Board for 2004-05 at the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Installation.
- On Friday, June 4, 2004 at 8:00 a.m., the Government Relations Council of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce featured a session on West Coast Water District input by Metropolitan Water District Chair Carol Kwan.

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

- Her staff attended a senior health fair in Exposition Park.
- She announced Raft, Inc.'s apparel fundraiser on Sunday, June 27, 2004 (12 noon – 5:00 p.m.) at the Pavilion and Conference Center at Hollywood Park in the Inglewood area. The fundraiser is seeking donations of clean, sellable clothing for women, men, and children.

Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported on an article featuring President Jernigan in the magazine *Sage* and reported on legislation to reinstate the military draft.

Commissioner Davalos reported on a Minority Women in Film seminar and reported that the Cedars Sinai Women's Health Center offers a library and other great resources on pain, health, spirituality and other issues. She also commended the quality and cost of their health services for women.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported on her participation in the following activities:

- She and President Jernigan attended the Commissioner Leadership Conference on May 26, 2004 at the Music Center.
- On June 2, 2004 she attended Attorney General Bill Lockyer's Response to Domestic Violence Public Hearings at the California Hospital.
- She attended the L.A. County Domestic Violence Council's Domestic Violence Shelter meeting on June 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Gravely announced a KCET program funded by First 5 L.A. benefiting foster care children entitled "A Place of Our Own."

President Jernigan announced the Finance Committee would meet at 12:30 p.m. today following the Commission meeting.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA:** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Ruth Jernigan, President  
Yvonne Maria Jimenez, Esq., Vice President  
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer  
Yolanda Becerra-Jones  
Ruth Creary, Ph.D  
Karin Davalos  
Wadie Gravely  
Bonnie J. Lewis  
Lila Morgan  
Olivia Rodriguez

### **EXCUSED**

Reiko Duba  
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.  
Barbara Perkins

### **UNEXCUSED**

Roslyn Cooperman  
Sophia Esparza

### **COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office  
Jim Corbett, Executive Office  
Twila P. Kerr, Executive Office  
Steve Erickson, Executive Office  
Audra Galang, Executive Office

### **GUESTS**

Rose Borja  
Genevieve Clavreul